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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sopftware Industry in the country are apprehending some threat from China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any step in this regard;and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PR MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b): The NASSCOM - McKinsey2002 Study has indicated that we should treat China as the potential competitor in IT software and services business. Over the last two decades, its growth rates have been almost double that of India in most years. China has a much larger PC penetration Internet user base, mobile phone user base and a strong domestic market.

However, while China has a large growing market, its software exports are estimated to be just about US $ 600 Million as compared to India`s present achievement of US $ 6.2 Billion (2000-01)

(c) & (d): Government of India have taken several initiatives to make India more competitive. These initiatives are in the realm of taking IT to masses, delivering emerging technologies to the common man and making India`s 1 billion population, potential user of IT products, by bridging digital divide.